

**Application No.:** 10/001,736  
**Serial No.:** October 31, 2001

### **REMARKS**

In response to the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

#### **Discussion of Claim Amendments**

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-20, 22-36, and 39-58 have been cancelled without prejudice. Independent Claims 61 and 62 have been added. Claims 37, 38, and 59-62 are currently pending in this application. The amendments to the claims and the new claims do not introduce any new matter. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

#### **Discussion of Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's determination that Claims 37, 38, 59, and 60 are allowable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully wishes to address the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 37, 38, 59, and 60 should be allowed based on the entirety of their verbiage rather than any specific portion thereof.

#### **Discussion of New Claims**

On page 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that cancelled Claims 10 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has added new Claims 61 and 62. New Claim 61 incorporates the features of cancelled Claim 10 including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New Claim 62 incorporates the features of cancelled Claim 27 including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 61 and 62 are allowable over the prior art or record.

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**No Disclaimers or Disavowals**

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

**CONCLUSION**


Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In view of Applicant's foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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